



Cabarrus County Stay-at-Home Proclamation Frequently Asked Questions

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Summary

Elected officials with Cabarrus County, the cities of Concord and Kannapolis, and the towns of Harrisburg, Midland and Mt. Pleasant announced a Stay-at-Home Proclamation for residents that took effect March 26 at 5 p.m. A revised Proclamation took effect March 31 at 5 p.m.

Cabarrus County's Stay-at-Home Proclamation is valid through April 29, 2020. It will be regularly reviewed and may be revised.

What is the purpose/goal of this Proclamation?

The Proclamation puts in place an action model for our entire community. It focuses on self-isolation in our homes (or other place of residence) to slow the spread of COVID-19, as best as possible.

There are exceptions for essential services and workplaces.

What does this Proclamation mean?

Movement is restricted for all residents in Cabarrus County. They should stay at their place of residence. Exceptions including leaving to provide or receive essential services, engaging in essential activities or working for essential businesses and government services. Gatherings are restricted to 10 or fewer individuals.

Can I travel?

The Proclamation restricts travel upon public streets, alleys or roadways, or other property—except by those:

- Going to work (as defined as essential in the proclamation)
- In need of:
 - Medical assistance
 - Food
 - Other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their family

You are allowed to travel for purposes of essential business and essential activities.

Essential activity, business and travel

Essential activities:

- For health and safety
- To get necessary supplies and services
- For outdoor activities (walking; hiking; golfing, no cart sharing or flag tending; tennis; running; cycling; using greenways; etc.)
- Boating for recreation should follow the mass gathering restriction of 10 people or less
- For work for essential businesses/operations
- To take care of others

Essential businesses and types of work:

- Healthcare, public health, law enforcement, public safety and first responders
- Food, beverages and agriculture (food and beverage manufacturing, production, processing, and cultivation, including farming, livestock, fishing, baking, and other production agriculture, including cultivation, marketing, production, and distribution of animals and goods for consumption; and businesses that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals, including animal shelters, rescues, shelters, kennels, and adoption facilities)
- Stores that sell groceries and medicine (including liquor stores)
- Organizations that provide charitable and social services (businesses and religious and secular nonprofit organizations, including food banks, when providing food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this emergency, and people with disabilities)
- Energy
- Water and wastewater
- Transportation (including airlines, taxis, public transportation, vehicle rental, ridesharing companies such as Uber and Lyft, and logistics)
- Automobile dealers (sales permitted virtually; test drives of one person only; paperwork to execute the sale should be done virtually as much as possible; RVs included),
- Public works (including streets, storm water and waste collection)
- Communications and information technology
- Media
- Financial institutions (banks, currency exchanges, consumer lenders, including but not limited, to payday lenders, pawnbrokers, consumer installment lenders and sales finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, title companies, financial markets, trading and futures exchanges, affiliates of financial institutions, entities that issue bonds, related financial institutions, and institutions selling financial products)
- Hardware and supply stores
- Critical trades (building and construction tradesmen and tradeswomen and other trades including but not limited to, plumbers, electricians, exterminators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, essential activities, and essential businesses and operations). Construction including, but not limited to, construction required in response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long term care facilities, public works construction, school construction, and essential commercial and housing construction.

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Essential businesses and types of work (continued):

- Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services (post offices and other businesses that provide shipping and delivery services, businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services to end users or through commercial channels)
- Laundry services
- Restaurants for consumption off-premises (in-house delivery, third-party delivery, drive-through, curbside pick-up and carry-out)
- Food trucks are permitted; however, ice cream trucks are not
- Supplies to work from home
- Supplies for essential businesses and operations (businesses that sell, manufacture or supply other essential businesses and operations with the support or materials necessary to operate, including computers, audio and video electronics, household appliances; IT and telecommunication equipment; hardware, paint, flat glass; electrical, plumbing and heating material; sanitary equipment; personal hygiene products; food, food additives, ingredients and components; medical and orthopedic equipment; optics and photography equipment; diagnostics, food and beverages, chemicals, soaps and detergent; and firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security)
- Home-based care and services for adults, seniors, children and people with disabilities
- Residential facilities and shelters
- Professional services (legal services, accounting services, insurance services, real estate services (including brokerage, appraisal, and title services)
- Childcare centers (for specific employees: first responders, healthcare workers, public health, etc.)
- Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries (manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitization, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, national defense, communications, as well as products used by other essential businesses and operations)
- Hotels and motels
- Funeral services (must adhere to mass gathering restrictions)
- Other community-based government operations and essential functions including human services
- Other community-based human service operations
- Critical manufacturing
- Hazardous materials
- Building and grounds management and maintenance, including landscaping
- Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation (gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities; and bicycle shops and related facilities)
- Automobile dealership sales are limited to **online sales only**. Test drives are limited to one potential buyer only. Paperwork to execute the sale should be done virtually as much as possible and social distancing standards practiced when done in person. Parts, service and auto body operations are deemed essential.
- Car washes that provide exterior drive-thru washes only. No waiting room gathering. No staff should enter patron vehicles; patrons should remain in car. Interior vacuuming remains operational for patron use only, with hand sanitizer onsite (readily available) and cleaning of handles after each use of the vacuums.

What are minimum basic operations?

Minimum basic operations are the minimum necessary activities to:

- Maintain the value of the business inventory
- Preserve the condition of the physical plant and equipment of the business
- Ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits or for related functions

The minimum necessary activities that supports an employee's remote work from their residence.

Essential travel:

- Any travel related to the provision of, or access to, essential activities, essential governmental functions, essential businesses and operations or minimum basic operations
- Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities or other vulnerable persons
- Travel to or from education institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals and other related services
- Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction
- Travel required by law enforcement or court order, including transport of children pursuant to a custody agreement
- Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County
- Travel to locations where residents can engage in outdoor activities

Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that public transportation options out of the County remain available and functional prior to commencing such travel.

Non-essential business clarifications

What does this mean for non-essential businesses?

- Non-essential business and operations must cease.
- All businesses and operations in the County, except essential businesses and operations, are to cease all activities within the County except minimum basic operations.
- Businesses may continue operations, but only when employee or contractor activities take place at their own residences (i.e., working from home).

What do I do if my non-essential business requires me to report to work?

- Confirm that your company is considered non-essential.
- If you have questions regarding your business, email response@cabarrushealth.org.
- You can also report violations of the Stay-at-Home proclamation to local law enforcement numbers listed in this document.

Permissions

YOU CAN:

- Go to work if you are providing an essential service as defined by this Proclamation
- Go to the grocery, gas station, convenience or warehouse store
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities
- Visit a health care professional for medical services that can't be provided virtually (call first)
- Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery or drive-thru
- Care for or support a friend or family member
- Take a walk, go to a park or use a greenway, ride your bike, go fishing, hike, jog and be in nature for exercise – keep at least six feet between you and others
- Walk your pets and take them on necessary veterinary visits
- Help someone get necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from a business that delivers
- Visit local cemeteries while maintaining social distance
- Travel by car to a place of recreation, such as a park, greenway, etc.

YOU SHOULD NOT:

- Go to work unless you are providing essential services as defined by this Proclamation
- Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need
- Maintain less than six feet of distance from others when you go out
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility or other residential care facility, except for limited exceptions as provided on the facility websites
- Travel except for essential travel, work and activities
- Hold a yard or garage sale
- Participate in in-person sporting lessons/instruction (virtual instruction permitted)

Enforcement Activities

Who will enforce this Proclamation?

Law enforcement will enforce the Proclamation through educating, exchanging dialogue and seeking voluntary cooperation from all residents and businesses.

If voluntary cooperation is not achieved, law enforcement has the authority to enforce these restrictions through citations or misdemeanor charges.

Any person violating any prohibition or restriction imposed by this Proclamation shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

Will there be checkpoints set up?

No—Cabarrus County and our municipalities do not plan, nor do we anticipate the need for, checkpoints.

What extra identification or form of justification do I need to carry during these times?

- At this time, we expect voluntary compliance.
- You do not need to present letters or forms to show you are conducting non-restricted activities.
- If you do have a photo identification from an employer, other proof of employment, etc., please have it available in case law enforcement or health officials have questions.

How do I report a violation of this proclamation?

- City of Concord—call Police Communications non-emergency line: 704-786-9155
- City of Kannapolis: 704-920-4030
- Cabarrus County: 704-920-3000

If you have questions regarding your location, email response@cabarrushealth.org.

General questions

What is the difference between “stay at home” and “social distancing?”

“Stay at home” is a stricter form of social distancing. Stay at home means:

- Stay home (stay unexposed and do not expose others)
- Only go out for essential services
- Stay six feet or more away from others
- Don’t gather in groups

When will this proclamation be lifted?

The proclamation is valid through April 29, 2020 but will be regularly reviewed and revised.

Can religious institutions continue to livestream services?

Yes – faith-based organizations are still allowed to livestream services, provided they abide by the restriction of 10 or less people physically onsite and practice proper social distancing. Any service offered on-site must abide by the restriction of 10 or less people physically on site, including funerals, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery and related services.

I live outside Cabarrus County. How does this affect me?

- If you work in Cabarrus County, then your business/employer must comply with this Proclamation. You are allowed to travel through Cabarrus County, conduct essential activities within Cabarrus County and return home.
- If you live in Cabarrus County, but work at a non-essential business in a different county, you are to remain home.

Is there a curfew?

No—but movement in and around the county should be limited to essential services, or to engage in essential activities, and work for essential businesses or government services.

Am I allowed to go outside to exercise?

Yes – but maintain social distancing of at least six feet from all others.

Am I allowed to go outside to play golf or tennis?

Yes – golf courses should not allow cart sharing. Clubhouses and pro shops should close and allow electronic payments as much as possible. Continue maintaining social distancing of at least six feet from all others. On site food service should follow rules for pick-up/carryout with no bar service.

Commercial tennis lessons where equipment is shared is not allowed.

What are the requirements for social distancing?

- Designate six-foot distances
- Provide hand sanitizer and sanitizing products when people are together
- Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations
- Provide online and remote access whenever possible

Does this Proclamation apply to the homeless?

No – homeless are exempt from the Stay-at-Home Order, but are urged to find shelter.

The Proclamation says I am allowed to go outside – can I take my children to amusement centers?

All parks/greenways in Cabarrus County remain open at this time. You are welcome to visit and enjoy them; however, playground equipment and some activity courts are closed. Travel to locations where residents can engage in outdoor activities.

You must adhere to social distancing—organized play is not allowed.

Closed public activities:

All places of public amusement where people may gather, whether indoors or outdoors, are closed to the public. This includes, but is not limited to: locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, recreation centers, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, and country clubs or social clubs shall be closed to the public.

Can I visit a loved one in a hospital/nursing home/etc.?

Nursing homes, long-term care and assisted living facilities are prohibited from allowing a person to enter the facility and visit a resident unless each of the following criteria are met:

- The visitor is an adult
- The resident has not already had a visitor that day
- AND the visit takes place in the resident's room

This prohibition does not apply to end-of-life situations.

What precautions should I take with recycling and solid waste?

- Double-bag trash items that originate from quarantined homes, or other sources where people are sick.
- Recyclables originating from quarantined homes should be placed in the garbage, NOT in recycling carts, until the home is no longer quarantined. This will help recycling staff who hand-sort at the recycling center. If someone is sick at your home, please consider all your materials as trash until home is secure again.
- When visiting recycling and solid waste centers, continue practicing social distancing, with at least six feet between you and other individuals.
- Residents in Concord, Kannapolis and unincorporated Cabarrus County can download the CARTology app for updates, guidelines and notifications for recycling and solid waste services. For updates on solid waste services for Harrisburg, Midland and Mt. Pleasant, visit the respective town's website or follow their social media.